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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED	

1. During the night on 29 September 1954, heavy column traffic was observed on Karl Marx Strasse in Neuruppin. On 1 October, the military installations of the Neuruppin post were only lightly occupied. Major Dwyerkov confirmed the absence of all supply officers. <sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. At 1030 on 26 September, 10 trucks 3 tank trucks and 1 jeep [ ] left the Panzer Kaserne (2181) in Neubrandenburg in a southwesterly direction. At 1130, 13 JS-3 tanks, 6 JS-1 or JS-2 tanks [ ] 7 SP guns [ ] and repair shop truck [ ] entered the installation from the southwest. 25X1
3. On 28 September, the south section of the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg was about 70 percent occupied and the north section was very lightly occupied. <sup>2</sup> 25X1
4. On 18 September, [ ] in the Nordost Kaserne (5184) in Hillersleben was inspected, according to a senior lieutenant, by 4 generals including General Patov from Moscow.<sup>3</sup> In the morning of 20 and 29 September, 4 MiG-15s practiced low-level attack against the barracks installations in Hillersleben. Between 21 and 27 September, many motor vehicles passed through Hillersleben and proceeded toward Haldensleben. Motor vehicles [ ] were seen. On 22 September, 14 trucks [ ] passed through Hillersleben. They came from the direction of Magdeburg and went to Haldensleben. On 25 September, 8 trucks [ ] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen en route to Magdeburg. Local residents stated that several motor vehicle columns passed through Wedringen and proceeded toward Haldensleben during the night on 23 September. A German driver stated that these columns went from Planken to the Zerbst area. <sup>4</sup> 25X1

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5. Between 23 and 27 September, the following shipments passed through the Hillersleben railroad station and proceeded toward Haldensleben:

23 to 24 September. Three shipments.

24 September. At 1240, 16 JS tanks [redacted] T-34/85 tank [redacted] armored scout cars, 1 truck, and 6 sidecar motorcycles.

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At 2240, 1 shipment.

26 September. At 1140, 16 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and 10 JS tanks.

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27 September. At 1435, 16 T-34 tanks. [redacted]

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6. On 30 September, the barracks installations in Hillersleben were occupied by a total of 600 to 800 soldiers. [redacted]

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7. On 30 September, Waldlager I through III near Born and south of Hustten and the Waldlager southeast of Jasvenitz in the Letzling Heath were occupied by only rear details. The units presumably departed between 24 and 26 September. [redacted]

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8. On 26 September, the barracks installations in Perleberg were occupied as previously. The units had not yet returned to the post.

9. The following shipments were unloaded at the Rathenow Nordbahnhof:

27 September. At 0530, 20 railroad cars with mortars, ammunition, equipment, trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] and approximately 250 soldiers. The unit left for the Pionier Kaserne (5442) in Rathenow.

27/28 September. About 20 railroad cars with equipment, trucks [redacted] and approximately 250 soldiers. The unit left for the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow.

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On 27 and 28 September, fuel was shipped to all military installations in Rathenow from the Nordbahnhof by tank trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] At 1430 on 28 September, 30 [redacted] trucks arrived at the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow.

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10. On 28 September, a shipment with billeting equipment was unloaded at the Rathenow Nordbahnhof. On 28 September, a train with 20 to 25 medium mortars and approximately 45 trucks was shunted at the Rathenow main railroad station. 7

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11. At 0930 on 30 September, tanks were being detrained in Wustermark.

1. Comment. The bulk of the 12th Gds Tank Div probably left for exercises during the night of 29/30 September. Major Duyerkov (fnu) is the supply officer of the division headquarters.

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2. Comment. According to paragraph 3, elements of the U/1 Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div left on 24 September, probably for exercises in the area north of Penzlin. These units apparently returned on 26 September. The occupation strength on 28 September indicates that other elements of the regiment had left the installation for exercises. The north section of the Panzer Kaserne is occupied by the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army which transferred to Ferchland in 2 shipments on 22 September. 25X1
3. Comment. confirms the 153d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 19th Gds Mech Div in Hillersleben until 18 September. General Patov (fnu) is reported for the first time. 25X1 25X1
4. Comment. Regardless of the motor vehicle it is assumed that the heavy traffic which was observed in the southern portion of the Letzling Heath in late September, was connected with the breaking up of the summer camps located in this area. The movement probably involved units of the 19th Gds Mech Div and the 7th Gds Tank Div. In this connection, it appears that columns went from Planken to the Zerbst area. The information on the rather light occupation of the barracks installations in Hillersleben on 30 September may be correct because units of the 19th Gds Mech Div from these installations also practiced in the south section of the Letzling Heath after the summer camps had been vacated in preceding years. The bulk of the motor vehicle belonged to the Third Shock Army and some to the 18th Mech Div. No of the 19th Gds Mech Div have been observed. It is probable that deceptive 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
5. Comment. The majority of the tank turret numbers probably were deceptive numbers. The tank on the train on 26 September may have belonged to the 19th Gds Mech Div. It is possible that units of this division returned to the training grounds, presumably from exercises of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps which were apparently held in the northern portion of Letzling Heath and northward after 19 September. 25X1 25X1
6. Comment. It is assumed that only some units had definitely left the summer camps prior to 30 September, while other elements of units of the Third Shock Army and the 7th Gds Tank Div stationed there were presumably absent for exercises. The latter units may have included Hq units of the army from Waldlager I near Born which are believed to have participated in exercises of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps after about 25 September. 25X1 25X1
7. Comment. According to this and previous reports, first elements of the 65th Mort Brig and the 18th How Arty Brig returned to their winter quarters from Altengrabow prior to 28 September. 25X1

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